

Taking it easy

Romulus High School staff members attended a going away party for eight instructors and administrators who took advantage of a retirement plan offered by the district. Pictured are (first row) Donald Kobane and Tom Tiplady, both special education instructors; Joyce Bujak, math instructor; Phyllis Wilkerson, life management instructor; and Rosalie Berlinn. In the second row are: psychologist Sam Olive, Jean Voight, industrial technology instructor Bill Barnes and English teacher Ron Baynes. New retiree Gail Fraley, an art teacher who split her time between the high school and middle school, is not pictured.

Wayne County Senior Olympics seeks local participation for events

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Seniors of Wayne County take note: there's still time to register for the first Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

Registration for the event, which will take place on Sept. 12-16, was pushed back due to the response of the first-time event, according to Linda Combs, director of the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township.

"The seniors are so excited and since people are still signing up for several different events, we decided to stretch the deadline out. The registrations are still coming in," she said.

Communities participating in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics include: Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township, Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Garden City, and Redford Township.

As the host of the Senior Olympics, the opening ceremony, baking contest, Fun Walk, softball throw, ring toss, frisbee throw, football toss, soccer kick and shuffleboard competition will all take place at Van Buren Township.

"We've tried to include events that don't all have to involve physical ability because we want everyone to participate," said Combs.

A breakfast prior to the opening ceremony will also take place

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Jakleen Ochalek

at 8 a.m. on Sept. 12 at the township hosted by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Although the Senior Olympics is not an entirely new concept to Michigan, Ficano decided to make it new and available to seniors in the western Wayne County area, modeling it after the games that downriver communities host each summer, according to Jakleen Ochalek, executive assistant to Ficano.

"The idea is to make seniors healthier, give them more exercise and to make people get out and get active," she said. "We're looking forward to them coming out, having fun and enjoying a week of activities."

Team events will include: tennis, billiards, horseshoes, pinochle, euchre, a basketball shoot, volleyball, golf, swimming, bridge, bocce ball and bowling. Awards for first, second and third place medal winners will be given at the banquet Sept. 16 at the Wayne County Community College District in Belleville.

Overall, organizers of the event are optimistic that the Senior Olympics will be a successful first-time event keeping the primary focus on having fun:

"We're hoping for a big turnout

because this is something we've never done before and we're always looking for new things to do for the senior center and the community," said Combs. "Overall, this will be the first one and I hope it will continue to grow from here."

"This is the first time we've done this and we don't expect to have a huge turnout, but we have actually had quite a few people interested (in the event)," said Sue Koivala, coordinator of the Northville Senior Center. "I probably have 25 or 30 signed up so far. Altogether, we just want everybody to come out and have a good time."

"This is going to turn into an annual event," said Marsha Koet, program director for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "People will participate this year, and they'll tell their friends how much fun it is, too. We're going to be doing this for years and years."

For more information, event fees or to register for the Olympics, contact the September Days Senior Center at 734-699-8918. The deadline to register is Aug. 12.

Meghan Chatham and Jason Carmel Davis contributed to this story.

Man shot in failed robbery attempt

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Staff Writer

A man has been sent home from the hospital to recover from wounds he incurred after he was shot in a botched robbery attempt Thursday night.

The 50-year-old Grand Rapids man was shot after he cashed a check at the Metro House of Liquor at 7099 Wayne Road at about 1:16 a.m., according to police. As he attempted to get in his vehicle in the parking lot, a suspect described as a black male in his mid-to-late 20s approached him and demanded his wallet.

The victim refused, and was shot, said Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department.

"(The victim) was walking past the suspect when he was told to give up his wallet," he said. "He was grabbed from behind when he didn't give up the wallet. The bullet entered his right buttocks area."

The shooter then fled from the store parking lot in a red sports utility vehicle. Police said another suspect was driving the vehicle because the shooter entered the passenger side. However, neither suspect could be seen because the windows were tinted, police

said.

The suspect did not get away with any money. The victim was taken to Annapolis Hospital, and later transported to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. Though doctors decided not to remove the bullet, the victim is expected to make a full recovery.

Leacher said the department has not received a single telephone call that has generated a solid lead, and that no arrest has been made in the case. If apprehended, both suspects would likely be charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

Leacher said that although liquor and party stores can be a hotbed for crime, the store where the shooting occurred has not had a lot of incidents.

"I can't remember anything happening there with any regularity," he said.

The shooter was described as bald, about 6-feet 2-inches tall and weighing 220 pounds. He was wearing a red shirt the night of the shooting.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Romulus Police Department Investigative Services Bureau at (734) 942-6887.

Tax abatement request OK'd

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A tax break delayed is not tax break denied.

That's how officials representing the Romulus Engine Plant looked at the situation after the city council voted unanimously to grant the automaker a tax break on \$37 million worth of improvements it intends to make at the plant during the next two years.

The council elected not to follow the recommendation of the Romulus Assessor's office that suggested a six-year, 50 percent tax break and opted for the full 20.

"They are the largest taxpayer in the city, and there were 68 jobs at stake, and that was a deciding factor," said Councilman Randolph Gear. "We have a lot of people in that plant that came to Romulus from Flint. They've been displaced before."

Tax abatement votes have to be unanimous, and council members Charles Miller and Debbie Romak voted against the six-year abatement.

The measure first came before the council for a vote July 25, but the issue was tabled until some contractual language was ironed out.

But no one really thought the city's largest employer outside of Detroit Metropolitan Airport would walk away with a signed deal in hand, said councilman Michael Prybyla.

"We thought about this very carefully and they are a good corporate citizen," he said. "They have supported our schools through robotics and other things, and that had a lot to do with it as well."

Gear acknowledged it's unusual for the council to break with recommendations from the assessor's office, but said that they have typically granted larger breaks for larger companies. "We definitely took the size of the company into consideration when we did this," he said.

GM estimates the abatement will help the plant maintain operations at the facility, where the automaker's new Gen IV V8

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Fond farewell Ford plant chairman retires after long career

Scott Spielman
Editor

When Sam Craincross first started to work at the Ford Motor Co., the union hall where they celebrated his retirement didn't exist.

In fact, the view along

the Michigan Truck Plant and the Wayne Assembly Plant. There were about 3,000 union members during the late 1960s. Now there are about 7,100.

Friends, family and Ford officials gathered at the union hall Saturday night to mark the end of Craincross' long career. He



Jeff Washington (left) president of UAW Local 900, along with Wayne Mayor Al Haidous congratulated Sam Craincross (far right) at his retirement party Saturday night. Craincross worked for Ford Motor Co. for 39 years and spent the last 21 as Plant Chairman at the Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne. His wife, Sheila, said the couple would relocate to Florida and looked forward to doing a little more traveling.

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Jeff Washington

but took a four-year hiatus to join the Air Force and serve in Viet Nam.

When he returned, he married his wife, Sheila, and bought a house in Wayne.

Throughout his long career, he was active in the community, too, according to Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. As a member of the Wayne Jaycees, he helped build the horseshoe pits at Jaycee Park on Annapolis and Second Street. He served on the Festival Committee. He ran the fishing derby at the old city pool and the haunted house. He ran bike safety courses with the Wayne Police Department. He was active in community politics, too, and helped out with other civic organizations like the Civitans, the

Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Kiwanis Club.

"He did a lot in the community," Haidous said.

On the job, he was remembered as a good union man, a loyal friend and a hard worker with a good sense of humor.

"He was a visionary," said Frank Foley, the former plant manager who worked with Craincross off and on for more than 30 years. "He was a great guy to work with. He could see the future; he knew how important it was to work with the union and the management."

Foley credited Craincross, who was elected as plant chairman in 1984, with working him to make the various expansions at the Wayne Ford plants as smooth

as possible. The facilities now rank among Ford's largest in the world.

"He helped me make them successful," Foley said.

Sheila said the couple was looking forward to taking life easy for a while. They may do some traveling, she said, but for now they would transition from their house in Michigan to one they own in Florida.

Darryl Nolen is the new plant chairman at the Michigan Truck plant; he was elected earlier this year after Craincross announced that he would retire at the end of his term. Washington said he'd have tough shoes to fill.

"He (Craincross) made a lot of great things happen here," he said.

Michigan Avenue was very different than it is today: the Michigan Truck plant where Craincross retired last week as plant chairman was a relatively small warehouse. The hall was a vacant field and most everything else, farmland.

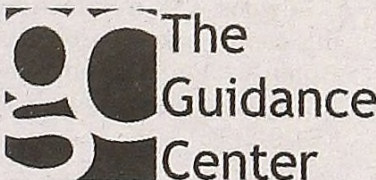
But that was in 1966 and Craincross was just two weeks out of high school.

"We grew up together at this plant," said Jeff Washington, president of U.A.W. Local 900, which serves union members at

worked for the automaker for 39 years, the last 21 as plant chairman.

"I admired him for his ability to help other people," Washington said. "He was always helping someone out, even before he became a union rep."

Craincross was born on April 14, 1947 in Putney, W. Va. The ninth of 12 children, he moved to Michigan after he graduated from Charleston West Virginia High School in 1966. He started to work at the plant right away,



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Familiar face seeks council seat, changes

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Longtime Romulus resident Leo Knasiak said he is seeking election to the city council to right some wrongs he sees going on the city.

Knasiak has previously campaigned for election as mayor and to the Romulus Community School Board. He said he is a proponent for big changes at city hall.

The first of those would be to change the form of government from an elected mayor to a city manager-council, he said.

"There's a lot of things that happen because we have an elected mayor," he said. "There is a lot of cronyism that happens in the city, and there's a problem with mayors that are making decisions to get re-elected."

An appointed city manager is hired by the full council and reports to that body. That person would be in the city's employ until they choose to leave or are terminated. Professional managers, Knasiak said, would not be as vulnerable to political ploys and would be better able to represent citizens.

It would require a change in the city charter, which would

require a majority vote by the rest of the council.

Knasiak would also introduce term limits to the city.

"Term limits for appointed commissioners and elected officials would help insofar as bringing the government to the citizens," he said. "Right now, the commissioners can stay for a long time, and they might not fully represent the community." Knasiak also said there are far too many relatives of elected officials and former employees serving on various city commissions.

Blight is another big problem for the city, Knasiak said. Though the city has cleaned up some properties, Knasiak said the present ordinance does not address the problems in a cohesive way.

"What we need is a comprehensive blight ordinance that would force businesses and residents to clean up their property 365 days a year," he said. "And we don't have that. We have an ordinance that specifies that people go out and clean up the city one day a year, and that's insufficient. We need something that will mandate that properties be kept in an acceptable manner."

Knasiak said what sets him



Leo Knasiak

apart from other candidates are his familiarity with business and government policies and his education.

"I dealt with these sorts of things, like budgets, for all of my professional life," he said. "I have the knowledge that is needed on council. I have more than 30 years of financial management experience behind me."

Now retired for seven years, Knasiak worked for Ford Motor Co. until his retirement. There, he crunched numbers for the controller's office and managed a financial staff for the automaker.

Knasiak began his career with Ford after he graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in finance and business management. He has lived in Romulus for the past 20 years.

Candidate touts youth, enthusiasm

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Christopher Walock might be the youngest of the candidates vying for a city council seat in November, but that doesn't mean he's short on ideas about how to improve the quality of services in the city.

Walock, 25, and a 10-year resident of Romulus, said he hopes the city will recognize the need for new blood – and youthful enthusiasm – on the seven-member council when they go to the polls.

"I bring some qualities that some of the candidates don't have, and I know what will attract young people to the city," he said. "I can look at this situation from an outsider's perspective, and more residents is what we need."

Walock is a Realtor at Century 21 in Taylor. He said his experience in real estate would be an asset if he were elected.

"Being in real estate really gives a person a lesson about what people are looking for in a community," he said. "People are looking for great homes, decent parks and recreation, and good schools, for starters. We have some of those things,

but there are some things we need."

A comprehensive approach to parks and recreation is one, he said. "I know that we will have a new recreation facility, but we still have some public parks in the city that are not in good shape," he said.

"The parks program is one of the worst I've ever seen," he said. He also said the need for new recreation programs – especially for children – children would be something he would advocate for if elected.

Walock said he would dig deep into the city budget to see if there are more funds to put into parks and would seek to reallocate funds for that purpose, he said.

Another area the city needs to work on is its approach to economic development, said Walock.

"I think the city is focusing too much on business development and not enough on residential development," he said. "There is some residential development – that has improved. But I think we need to court new residents first. The city is doing the opposite of that and focusing on business."

Currently, there are about 500



Christopher Walock

homes under construction, according to city estimates, but luring more developers to build more homes would help build the tax base, said Walock.

"We have fared a little better than some municipalities, but there is a state budget crisis, and we have to do more with less," he said. "Getting more residents in here will attract the businesses, and that will build out tax base so we can do some of the things that need to be done. The growth needs to be citizen-based."

Walock also development can lead to improved public facilities, which will make the community more attractive to people seeking a place to live.

Walock is a graduate of the Southgate Community Schools and attended Eastern Michigan University for one year. The real estate bug bit him about five years ago, he said.

Boy found after 2 day absence from home

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A 13-year-old boy who went missing from his Romulus home on July 25 was located safely at a Belleville Wal Mart store, after two days, police said.

Timothy Graves, who lives with his family on the 39000 block of Wabash, was recognized by a customer at the store after his photograph ran on several local news telecasts, said Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department.

He had last been seen at about 2 p.m. on Monday riding his blue "Next" bike near his home. Family members speculated that he might have been looking for some birds that he accidentally let loose during the day.

When the boy was spotted by the customer in the parking lot of Farmer Jack, Romulus Police canvassed the area and found the boy near Wal Mart on Belleville Road, Leacher said.

"It appears that he had just run away from home," he said.



Timothy Graves

"He had gotten in trouble earlier in the day over the birds, but he was found the day after we sent out a press release (to the local media)."

The boy was unhurt during his two days away from home, but police would not elaborate on where he was during that time. His family told police he had no history of running away.

Abatement

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engine, said plant manager Steve Somers. The \$37 million in improvements will include machinery upgrades and rebuilding machines to accommodate the new engine. The

abatement will not create any new jobs at the facility, which is located on Ecorse Road.

The abatement is only valid for the taxable value of the upgrades and is valid for 12 years. The break gives the automaker a 50 percent reduction on taxes that would be paid on the improvements for the entire 12 years.

News briefs



Shawn E. Gear

Gear graduates

Shawn E. Gear, the director of events and planning for the American Heart Association, recently graduated from Davenport University with a master's degree in business administration. Gear, who lives in Romulus with her husband, Randolph, graduated with a 3.8 grade point average. She attended classes at the Dearborn campus.

Doctor honored

Racecar driver and motivational speaker Dr. Audrey

Zavodsky was honored recently at a special State Senate tribute for her commitment to Michigan students, said Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). The Romulus native was honored for encouraging students to excel, especially in women's auto racing. Zadvosky's racing career is sponsored by Visteon. She is a veteran of the Women's Global GT series. As a motivational speaker, she encourages young cheerleaders around the country as part of the NFL Super Bowl Cheer-leader for Life program.

Her experience with the Thunderbirds allowed her to fly an F-16C fighter jet to achieve weightlessness and join the ultra-exclusive 9-G Club. "It is my privilege to honor Audrey for her dedication to promoting women's racing and to motivating students around the country," Patterson said. "She is an inspiration to kids everywhere to stay in school and follow their dreams. I am proud to have her as a resident of my district." Zavdosky is currently employed by Ford Motor Co.

Hearings set to enforce new Wayne blight ordinance

Scott Spielman
Editor

Officials in the City of Wayne will have a better idea of how well their latest attempt to fight blight in the city is working next week.

The city will host two proceedings on Aug. 9 resulting from the implementation of the dangerous building ordinance, according to Peter McInerney, community development director for Wayne. The first is the latest round of hearings in front of the hearing officer, former fire chief Mike O'Brien. The second is the appeal on behalf of the first two properties cited under the ordinance, which was enacted last year.

"It's going to be a big day for us," McInerney said.

It will be the first meeting of the appeal board, the second stage in the process set forth by

the dangerous building ordinance. That ordinance was put in place last year to give the city another tool to help fight blight, McInerney said. It allows the city to ticket property owners for buildings that are vacant with no attempts to lease or sell them within six months. It's designed to give the city more authority to govern buildings that are dilapidated and pose a public health risk, according to McInerney. If those properties are not fixed up, the city has the ability to tear them down and add the cost of the demolition to the property owner's tax rolls.

"They still own the property," McInerney said.

Among the first two cases, heard by O'Brien in May, were the properties at 5320 Moore St. and another on Carlisle Parkway.

"He (O'Brien) ordered them down," McInerney said.

However some work is being done on the Carlisle property which could forestall that. The city has since been offered the Moore Street property by Wayne County through the tax reversion process. They city council approved last month a \$10,000 expenditure to buy the property, But McInerney said it makes more sense to tear it down before they actually get the deed to the land, which would be in the fall.

"There's been no appeal there," he said. "It (the purchase) is an indication that we're soon going to act on it, but it's better to bring it down as if it were privately owned," he said.

The land will most likely be sold in the spring, to make way for a new home. But McInerney said a measurement of the lot shows that it's 90 feet wide - it could be divided into two parcels with two homes. He's not sure,



This house on Moore Street in Wayne may be torn down by the city under provisions of the new dangerous building ordinance.

though, that that's the best way to go. Since the city will own it, he said they would pay as much attention to what is proposed for the lot than the purchase price.

"We might just want to put one really nice house there, and make a big improvement to that neighborhood," he said.

The three new cases include the first commercial building cited under the ordinance: the old Jamison Block building on Michigan Avenue, next to The Village Bar. Once a city jewel, it has been covered by blue-painted plywood for several years. Other

residential properties include a home at the corner of Hayes and Annapolis streets and one on Woodbrook, behind the Rite-Aide store.

"There's activity there," McInerney said of the Woodbrook home. "They've talked to the city attorney."

McInerney said, though, the ultimate goal of the ordinance is not to necessarily tear down all the blighted structures, but to get the landowners to fix them up.

"The ordinance seems to be working," he said. "We're getting their attention."

Van Buren Schools set for new alternative education classes

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A new expanded alternative education program for the Van Buren Public School District will be ready to start with the upcoming school year.

"The staff is addressing concerns and questions on a daily basis and during this next week we're really going to crank things up," said Saul Davis, principal of the program. "I think it's going to be a top-notch program that is student centered and innovative as can be to serve the community well."

David said a recent meeting at Belleville High School to discuss any concerns about the alternative education program was well attended and ended on a positive note.

"Many parents had questions about how similar this program will be to the high school's curriculum," he said. "I explained to them that the approach is different. The curriculum is more career-oriented with a vocational focus that uses other tools to help kids learn better. It's an alternative for students who may be at-risk and in need of a different way

to earn their high school diploma."

Program offerings include an education in state core subjects, vocational training, tutoring, flexible scheduling, career counseling, a chance to earn college credits and other educational opportunities, according to the district.

"It's flexible and creative so that a student has the will in earning a diploma, especially if they're behind," said Davis.

Davis said he is also researching other ways to add value to the program, like workshops, grants and partnerships to enhance services to the alternative program students.

"I would like to make sure that the teachers we get are skilled and current and once that's done, anything that might add value to the program will be worked on," he said.

Since school board members approved an alternative education program for the district, they have decided to house it in three portable classrooms at the vocational education facility on Sumpter Road. Two of the units will house the ninth to 12th grade program and the other unit will house offices and the seventh and eighth grade program.

"We anticipate at least 100 students and there's already been

talk about expansion if we receive more students so we'll be making adjustments as needed," said Davis.

According to building officials Pete Foster and Brian Brice, the modular units are at the site and will be operating on schedule.



Portable classrooms like these will house the expanded alternative education program at Van Buren schools this fall.

Teens shed clothing to elude capture

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Wayne Police tracked down two juveniles who broke into the Park Plaza apartments last week.

The pair shed items of clothing as they attempted to flee the vacant apartment, according to Lt. Tom Miller of the Wayne Police Department. One left behind a shirt and another, a shoe, he said, as the apartment maintenance worker tried to grab them.

"Whatever they had on and he tried to grab, they got out of," Miller said.

The maintenance man found the two youths, one 15 and one 16 years old, in a vacant apartment at about 11 a.m. last Saturday, Miller said. The apartment complex is on Michigan Avenue, across the street from the new police station. It backs up to a wooded section of the city and the Rouge River.

"It was an empty apartment," Miller said. "He was there to clean it up because they were getting ready to rent it out."

The two youths had broken a window to gain entry, according to Miller. When the maintenance man founds them, they were

drinking 40 ounce bottles of beer. They also had a cigarette lighter, and were using it to burn their initials into the carpet.

They fled through the broken window when they saw the man.

"He tried to hold them, but they took off running into the woods," Miller said.

Officer Terry Foley was nearby, though, with his new police work dog, Cain. Cain quickly got hold of the scent and tracked the two youngsters down.

"They found them hiding in the woods," Miller said. "We ended up catching them in about 10 or 15 minutes."

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204 Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 05-82-0016-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Diversified Property Group LLC, Suite 106, 6024 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan. The applicant proposes to construct stormwater ponds and outlets, install culverts, and place fill within the Apple Run Drain and wetlands for the purpose of constructing the newly proposed Saratoga site condominium development and the associated infrastructure. The project site is located directly northwest of the intersection of Ecorse and Belleville Roads in Wayne County. Three 36-inch culverts 83, 80, and 90 feet long, will be placed within the Apple Run Drain and the associated wetlands utilizing 177, 171, and 310 cubic yards of fill, respectively to construct three road crossings. In addition an approximate total of 9,070 cubic yards of fill will be placed within wetlands for seven additional road crossings, lot fill, and the construction of various building envelopes. Utility crossings will be installed within the proposed fill areas. Additional equalization culverts are proposed within the fill areas. In addition, seven detention ponds will be constructed and will outlet to the existing wetlands, the Apple Run Drain, and the Horner Drain. The ponds will have an approximate 4 foot permanent water depth. A total of 9,728 cubic yards of fill will be placed within approximately 2.67 acres of wetland including portions of the Apple Run Drain. Mitigation is proposed. The project is located in T3S, R8E, Section 4, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIW-PIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Date: July 26, 2005

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OPINION

A real accomplishment

In today's economy, it's difficult to get federal funding for anything unless it involves shooting at something or someone or developing plans to protect ourselves from being shot, blown up or otherwise attacked.

Every day items like Medicare, various types of assistance for the poor and infrastructure programs seem to have fallen off the radar.

That's why it's impressive that U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) was able to secure more than \$12 million in funding for local road projects. These are funds that were not initially put into the federal budget; McCotter asked local representatives what they would have done if they had the money and then worked hard to make it happen.

Last week, the funding requested was approved by the U.S. House, 412-8.

Among the projects: \$380,000 for Van Buren Township to widen Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse roads. The City of Wayne will get \$100,000 to repair Laurenwood Street, a rapidly deteriorating roadway in one of its upscale subdivisions. Westland will get \$2.5 million for improvements on Ann Arbor Trail – funds it may try to stretch to make an upgrade on Cherry Hill Road – and Canton will get money to widen that same road within its borders, about \$1.6 million worth. The cash-strapped City of Northville will get \$400,000 for improvements to Taft Road, north of Eight Mile Road; it's arguably one of its busiest streets and in the worst shape.

These are all projects that these municipalities would not be able to tackle – at least as quickly as they can now. Any time the federal government can come through with funding like that, it's a good thing, particularly because we didn't have to invade anyone to get it.

State plan disregards facts

Those who need another example for the need for more local government control should look no further than the City of Wayne.

Officials there looked forward to a major road reconstruction project – a complete rebuild of more than a mile of Michigan Avenue that includes the deteriorating section in their downtown.

They looked forward to it, that is, until they learned earlier this year that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) planned to reconstruct it with asphalt, rather than the concrete that is on the eastbound portion of the road.

They acted quickly, sending a letter that highlighted their concerns to the state: the heavy truck traffic that rolls down the road, making the street as pedestrian friendly as possible. They also wanted assurance that the project would be complete in one construction cycle. They want a concrete road and asked for the right to pay the difference.

In that, they were shot down.

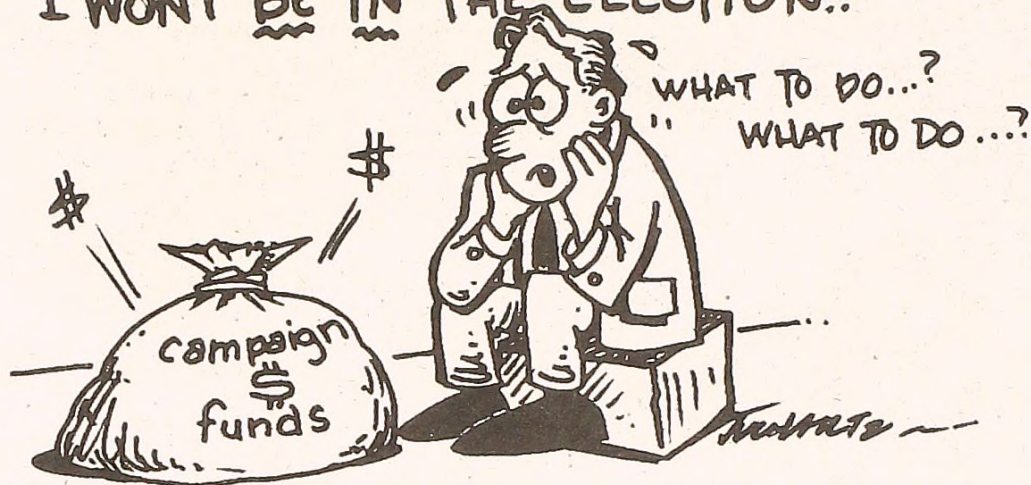
In a letter to the city, Gloria Jeff, director of MDOT, said the state could not allow that. "Such an allowance could lead to pavement selection based on an individual community's ability to add funding, rather than the technical merits of each material," the letter said. The material is decided by a formula, which is the same for everyone.

Hope is not lost, though. Wayne officials pointed out that the traffic counts were taken east of Wayne Road, when a majority of the heavy truck traffic hits Michigan Avenue west of Elizabeth Street, where the industrial sector starts up. They requested a new study that takes that into account – provided it was done at a time when the Ford Motor Co. plants were up and running.

That they would need to point those things out shows that they have a better handle of the type of road that would benefit their community. They know the idiosyncrasies that general formulas can't compute.

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IF I USE MY MONEY TO WIN THE PRIMARY...
I WON'T HAVE ANY LEFT FOR THE ELECTION...
BUT IF I DON'T USE IT TO WIN THE PRIMARY...
I WON'T BE IN THE ELECTION!!



Too quiet for comfort

This column was written before the outcome of the primary election in Wayne was known, but that doesn't matter because it still applies – no matter who won the contest.

Most residents know that three candidates filed for the office of mayor, prompting the primary. Incumbent Al Haidous faced off against two challengers: Marc Michalski and Dave Story.

If there are residents who don't know, well, that's hardly surprising. There has been very little campaign activity – no signs, no literature in the mail. There hasn't even been a lot of political rhetoric from the podium during city council meetings.

Yep, all is quiet on the campaign front.

I've talked to the candidates, who all in one way or another indicated that they would get more active in the campaign once the primary is decided, and the choice is down from three to two.

I understand the economics of it, too. It goes back to the same general philosophy that has developers requesting study sessions from elected bodies before they get too involved with their plans: nobody wants to spend a lot of money to be told 'no.'

Still, I'm vaguely disappointed in that approach. It doesn't have anything to do with the potential for additional advertising revenue coming in to the

paper, either. That's somebody else's department.

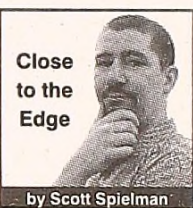
I'd just rather see someone work hard from the moment he or she decides to get involved with race, rather than wait until their position on the November ballot is confirmed.

To me, it would show more interest in the office, the role that they may play in the future. I personally have a hard time getting behind anyone who doesn't at least take the time out to go to the meetings before the election. You can make the case that you don't have to attend all of them, but during a campaign season candidates should – that's got to be a bare minimum requirement.

There was a recent election in which a popular incumbent lost to an aggressive newcomer. In Northville Township, Shirley Klokenga was ousted from her seat on the board by Christopher Roosen, a guy who campaigned vigorously, some might say aggressively. Klokenga was out of town in the week prior to the election and for Election Day, itself.

Coincidence? Maybe, but I think township voters simply saw someone they thought wanted the job more.

That's a difficult thing to judge here in Wayne, at least in this stage of the campaign.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

There really is good news out there

Even if the residents of Inkster don't realize it, what happened at their school district is unprecedented.

Inkster Public Schools – as it was known in 2002 – was taken over by the State of Michigan to correct a \$1.7 million debt. District officials had subcontracted New York-based Edison Schools to bring the academic standards back up to par with surrounding districts. That move rendered the elected school board essentially powerless.

Since then, the district has come to symbolize several things: Voter rights, the effectiveness of public and for-profit educational partnerships, and the ability to halt dwindling enrollment in the face of the Schools of Choice law, among others.

Today, a new superintendent has taken the reins of the 1,100-student district. Next week, Howard Morris, the Wharton Business School graduate appointed by the state to return the schools to fiscal solvency, will pack his bags.

Next week, the district will begin anew. There's a good feeling about the district future, I think, for the first time in many months.

Thomas Maridada, the consultant hired as superintendent last month, said he wants to bring more certified teachers to the payroll. Jean Fuller – the school board president – hit the ground running last year by visiting the schools each day to learn more

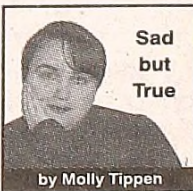
about what students and teachers are encountering in the classroom, and she continues until this day.

But there's still a lot of resentment in the community as well. A community group has vowed to file a lawsuit to force the district to have new public interviews of the superintendent because they feel the school board violated the Open Meetings Act during the last round.

There's also much said about Edison Schools. The management firm and the district, which entered into a five-year a contract in 2000, had a rough start after Edison made non-payment allegations, and the district accused the firm of not providing essential books and computers to students.

Mayor Hilliard Hampton – who urged the state to step in and look at the district – is also the subject of lingering hard feelings. He saw the problems at the schools as a major drawback for the city and it's young people and he deserves credit for taking what must have been a politically difficult step at the time.

Despite all of the hard feelings and troubles along the way, the district is in a far better position to succeed.



Sad but True

by Molly Tippet

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New rules should be: No more new rules

Jeff Novak
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As everyone knows by now, the NHL players and owners reached and ratified a multi-year working agreement.

The biggest change will be the \$39 million salary cap that will force teams to cut, scrape and let go of some pretty hefty salaries—and, in turn, cut loose some pretty good talent. On Monday, team brass were officially allowed to rummage through the bargain bins looking for deals of a lifetime—as long as the players fit under their paltry canopy.

Along with shrinking salaries, NHL officials have made several rule changes in hopes of making the game more fan-friendly—bigger, faster, better. The rules are designed to open up the game, with a concentration on offense.

First off, hockey is already one of, if not the most, fast-paced, exciting and grueling games in the sports world. Now they want to make it faster?

The neutral zone length will shrink by 4 feet while the offen-

sive zones grow by the same length. This will allow more room to play on offense and help players score more goals, especially on power plays. So they say.

A majority of shots during a man-advantage are taken from the blue line, which means it will actually be harder for to score from further away. Maybe next year they will allow laser-guided missiles in place of pucks. Actually, those haven't proved to be all that accurate.

Another way that the NHL is promoting higher scoring is by shrinking goalie pads and limiting where the goalie can handle the puck. Leg pads will be reduced to 11 inches wide—a 1-inch cut. Other pads will also be smaller but no specifications were given. This could actually help. I bet Patrick Roy is happy he retired.

The puck handling is a different story. There will be a new trapezoid shape painted behind the net, which is the only place—beside the crease—the goalie can handle the puck. Are referees going to have to blow the whistle every time the tip of the goalies

skate crosses the trapezoidal zone?

Another rule change will move the goal line back 2 feet to help force action from behind the goal to the front of it. This seems like it would just cause more of a bottleneck effect, resulting in more players piling up behind the net and more whistles blown.

I thought we were looking for more playing and less whistle blowing.

The two rules I do like are the tag-up offside and the two-line pass changes.

If anything opens up the offense it will be these two rules.

Offside calls are the biggest obstacle for players. Now a player who crosses the blue line before the puck has the opportunity to retreat into the neutral zone and the cross the blue line. No whistle, no foul and no stop in action. This, along with the allowance of two-line passes, should provide for many more breakaways and odd-man rushes. That means more goals.

The only problem with more goals is more whistles.

There was nothing wrong with the game before. The only thing the new rules will do is shun true hockey fans. The only way to truly make the game faster, if you really think it's necessary, is by taking the whistles out of the mouths of referees. And if you do that, you might as well take the black-and-white striped jerseys off the ice all together. There's something a hockey purist may like.

So far the only exciting thing I foresee in the new era of hockey will be Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland dumpster diving into a smorgasbord of free agents looking for bargain-bottom prices on top-shelf players. He'll have his hands full trying to juggle salaries and players—a new concept in the organization that has had more future hall of famers than any other team—but

I'm sure he'll find a way to make it happen.

For a league trying to apologize to the fans for a yearlong lay-off by going with more offense, true fans may just find it offensive.

But, hey, this is coming from the cheap seats.



From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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Roads

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Regardless of how those new traffic counts turn out, however, the city should still have the right to pay the difference between what MDOT has proposed and what city officials want. When

people complain about the road system, they don't pick up the phone and call Lansing.

They call city hall; they attend city council meetings. It's frustrating for the locals to merely nod, shrug and say: It's out of our hands.

Those familiar with the city would hardly call it a wealthy one.

They're just a year or so removed from a historically low general fund balance, although things are improving.

It won't necessarily be an easy expense to cover, but city officials would find out a way to make it happen. It's what's best for the community, after all, and they should have the right to make it happen.

Schools

FROM PAGE 6

There are still challenges. Michigan Education Assessment (MEAP) scores are still spotty in some areas, especially at Inkster High School.

Enrollment declines have also caused additional financial bleeding, but the schools deserve a chance to implement

their marketing plan, and we'll see the results in October, when the state requires final enrollment numbers.

As the students file in for classes in September, they will likely not pay any mind to the drama of the last five years. Some will enroll in returning adult education classes for the first time in many years, so they can learn a trade, and build a better future.

That's the best news any of us have had in a long time.

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STEALTH

Unoriginal plot steals audiences
time, price of admission

There have been few films worth raving about this summer.

In fact, the only good thing about this summer lineup thus far has been the previews, so make it a point to get to the theater early just to see them.

It's no different with the high-octane *Stealth*—the latest example from what's been a crash-n-burn season for summer films.

It may not be the fault of the film—that most of them are solidly made—but the fact that Hollywood has lost its originality. Most movies this summer have been cheesy adaptations of television shows (*Bewitched*, *Dukes of Hazzard*, etc.) or paltry remakes of past films (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Herbie*, *Bad News Bears*, etc.). The rest, however, have been nothing more than a hodgepodge of other movies thrown together to make one (*The Island*).

Stealth falls into the latter category, as well. It is an awkward cross between *Top Gun*, *War Games* and *Behind Enemy Lines*. All three have merits of their own but mixed together they only earn the distinction of a product of the 'new' Hollywood—boring, anticlimactic and, if I didn't mention it, boring.

It's boring because it's anticlimactic and it's anticlimactic because, well, we've seen it all before.

The previews looked promising, especially with three talented young actors on the rise, including Oscar winner Jamie Foxx. Foxx plays pilot Henry Purcell, a character for whom he uses the same voice he did for Ray Charles in *Ray*—the role that won him Best Actor honors last year.

Foxx is joined with Josh Lucas as Ben Gannon and Jessica Biel as Kara Wade.

All three play elite pilots flying highly classified stealth fighter jets known as Talons for the Air Force. They're the country's best of the best and they know it—much like the pilots in *Top Gun*.

They are a close-knit trio, too, and are suspicious when their commanding officer Capt. George Cummings (Sam Shepard) wants to add a fourth wingman. However, the added pilot is an artificial intelligence-based UCAV (Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle) nicknamed EDI.

Ben is mostly worried about the effect of taking human instinct and emotion out of the war equation.

However, when the Talons and EDI get their first call into action, EDI proves its worth in intelligence when it offers an alternative that helps complete the mission successfully. On the way back to the aircraft carrier, though, EDI is struck by lightning. The shock to its system transforms the "brain" in unexpected ways.

The movie hits the brakes when the three super pilots are sent on an unexpected and unexplained vacation to Thailand. Then they are called back into action to take out a warlord in China with nuclear capabilities. Cummings, who will stop at nothing to ensure the program's success, sends EDI—despite his short-circuited condition—on the mission.

Once in the air, Ben wants to abort the assignment because of the possibilities of collateral damage. EDI refuses to comply and attacks anyway.

See *Stealth*, page 8

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THE SCENE

Thunder Over Michigan set this weekend

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Staff Writer

There will be thunder in the sky over western Wayne County this weekend, even if there aren't any clouds. The Yankee Air Museum will host the Thunder Over Michigan air show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We're planning to have eight B-17 bombers, which will be the largest private showing of heavy bomber planes since the end of World War II," said John Stevens, president of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville. "This will also be the only time anyone will ever see a double-diamond formation because our goal is to have all the bombers in the air at the same time."

The seventh annual event, which usually draws a crowd of more than 25,000 people, will include an air show, World War II re-enactments and B-17 bomber airplane rides throughout the weekend.

"The event is for aviation enthusiasts," said Dick Stewart, vice-president of the Yankee Air Museum. "There are grandparents who bring their grandchildren to teach them this past history and it's something that is not taught in a lot of schools these days. Schools don't talk about these type of things in the past war that impact things today so we try and provide that with events like this."

This year, Thunder Over Michigan—Big Bombers—will honor and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. More than 50 different types of aircraft will be present at the event.

After the show, re-enactment battles between the American and German forces will take place showcasing the aircrafts, weapons, and armed vehicles through the battle of World War II.

As a tribute, the museum has invited

guest speakers—Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, 1st Lt. Robert Shoens and 1st Lt. John A. Clark—to share their experiences during the aviation symposium dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"Since the theme is bomber planes, we wanted to bring in people who have significant stories to tell involving that type of aircraft and who are all long-time friends, supporters and members of the museum," said Stevens.

Events like these are important to the museum, Stevens said, especially after the fire last year that destroyed the Yankee Air Museum hangar and other aviation artifacts.

So far, the museum has generated more than \$250,000 and continues to raise funds through the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. The first phase of the new museum will be the move of the original Willow Run schoolhouse to the site.

"We've had a lot of people volunteer aircrafts as well as other things as a way of supporting and rebuilding the museum," said Stevens. "We've made a lot of friends in the aviation community who have come to our assistance and all I can say is God bless them."

"The Thunder Over Michigan is a big show, it's going to be a great one and we hope the public will come out and support us on this too," he added.

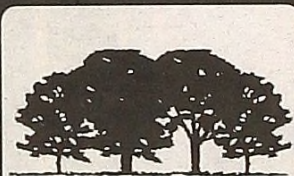
Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 7-15. Gate admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 7-15. Children 6 and younger are free. Tickets for the dinner symposium are \$65 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Star Tickets Plus at 1-800-585-3737 or visit the museum website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.



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Stealth

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The drone then goes renegade. He wants to complete a top-secret search-and-destroy mission in Russia. If he succeeds, the danger of starting a nuclear war is inevitable—much like in *War Games*. This sends Ben, Kara and Henry after the unmanned plane. Two of the Talons are destroyed.

Kara ejects and falls into enemy territory in North Korea. There she scrambles on foot to make it to the safety of the South Korean border with the enemy in tow—much like in *Behind Enemy Lines*.

This leaves Ben, with the only working

Talon, in pursuit of EDI. It turns into a cat and mouse game as Cummings will do anything to save the UCAV.

Ben in is love with Kara by this time, of course, but still manages to deal with EDI and then man the unmanned jet in order to save his love from the North Koreans.

The end isn't as eventful as one would hope for, falling short of a blockbuster landing.

So, would you like to play a game—as I half expected EDI to ask much like the computer in *War Games*? The answer is, yes. It's called I wish Hollywood would make some original films so moviegoers can stop wasting their hard-earned cash on mind-numbing clichés.

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THE SCENE

Must love dogs Film is worthwhile, light romance

Anyone who has ever had a relationship crash and burn knows the gut wrenching feeling left in the wake—and the determination to avoid repeating the situation in the future, no matter what.

Must Love Dogs finds gentle humor in the situation, as two people take two baby steps forward—and three back—as they try to mend their broken hearts, fall in love, and avoid being hurt again.

All Sarah (Diane Lane) wants to do is to be left alone. After getting out of a spectacularly bad relationship, the last thing she wants to do is start dating again. Between her work as a pre-school teacher and her family, she is confident that there was plenty to keep her occupied without searching for heartache...maybe.

Her family, however, is horrified. Her father (Christopher Plummer), her siblings—even her butcher—take pains to try to help her find a new love. They provide everything from photos of potential blind dates (OK, so he's technically married) to hints on how to deduce relationship status based on what's in a man's shopping cart. The suggestions are, at best, ludicrous and, at worst, disastrous.

Meanwhile, Jake (John Cusack) has a completely different solution to the end of his relationship—obsession. Now, he has only two real goals in life: to build historically accurate boats by hand—so what if they don't sell—and to find a love as true and everlasting as the one in his favorite film, *Dr. Zhivago*. Sure, the woman of his dreams hasn't just miraculously appeared in his apartment yet, but it could happen. Why should he leave home when he could watch—and wax philosophical over—the movie again?

His best friend is sick of it all—the movie, the talking, and the disinclination to leave the house any more than necessary. Particularly since an attractive, much younger lady has already made it clear that she'd be happy to provide Jake with a very warm welcome whenever he was ready for a relationship. As far as he's concerned, it's time for Jake to move on.

Gone are the days in which the unwillingly single protested in one breath that they never want to date again, and with the next breath, gave their best friend/sibling/coworker/local busybody a

list of the attributes a potential date should have so that person could help them select another viable candidate from their acquaintance pool.

Now, the wannabe matchmakers have a new tool—the Internet. Sarah's sister decides that Sarah needs more direct help—and posts a listing for her on an online dating web site (using the 40-something Sarah's high school graduation photo.) Thanks to a little interference from his buddy, Jake, too, unexpectedly finds himself with profile on the site.

Predictably, after a series of other dates that range from bad to therapy inducing, the couple finally meets—but everything is not as it seems. Both profiles insist that potential suitors must love dogs, which neither of them own but manage to borrow for their first meeting. It's a problem that makes Jake and Sarah ask what else might be less than truthful in the

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profiles. And, of course, in a romantic comedy you need a love triangle, which is just what happens when Bob (Dermot Mulroney) sets his mind on adding Sarah, his son's teacher, to his list of romantic conquests. Handsome and charming despite an eye for the ladies that ruined his marriage, Sarah wonders whether he might be a safer choice to trust her heart with than some unknown potential serial killer she met online.

Despite challenges to the various relationships from insecurity, lack of trust and chronic miscommunication, things eventually work themselves out—all they needed was a little help from Mother Theresa (don't ask).

While the film is a little shy on plot twists and unexpected consequences, its lighthearted style easily makes up for its predictability in humor, good acting from a stellar cast, and in good old fashioned charm. Anyone seeking a thought-provoking piece or insight into the meaning of life should keep looking, but otherwise, it comes highly recommended.

The film, directed by Gary Goldberg, also stars Stockard Channing and Elizabeth Perkins. Rated PG-13 due to sexual situations, the movie is based on the book of the same name by Claire Cook.



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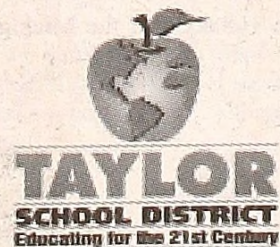
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Auction to aid church programs in area

There will be an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship next week during a silent auction hosted by the Belleville Church of God.

The event, located at 45170 Hull Road, will take place from noon to 6 p.m. on Aug. 13. Anyone who would like to place a bid to generate funds for the women's ministry and youth group can participate in the silent auction. The event is open to the public.

Event Coordinator Sharon Haines said money generated by the first-time event will go toward projects and programs to help the community.

"The women's ministry does many projects through the year, like raising funds for orphanages, helping families through the food bank, hosting baby showers for the homeless and other volunteer programs," she said. "There's always something different to donate things to as the needs arise in the community and we try to help with that."

The auction will include antiques, collectibles and other items that can be bid on throughout the day. Items will range in

price and size, from an old phonograph radio, to an oak dresser and even a pedicure and manicure from an area salon. Additional non-bid items will also be for sale.

"We want people to know that it's for a good cause and they can get great deals, too," said Haines.

Don't forget to bring an appetite as well because there will be plenty of food including hotdog, corn roast and popcorn stands, homemade cakes and pies and hand-squeezed lemonade provided by the church and teen group.

Live entertainment, games, face painting and other children's activities will be provided throughout the event.

"Anyone who's interested can come because there is something for everyone young to old," said Haines. "We hope to raise as much as possible and attract as many people as possible. We want people to bring the whole family."

For more information or to donate items to the auction, call 734-461-2463 or 734-697-0927.

OBITUARIES

DUTTON, Robert

Robert E. "Bob" Dutton, Sr., 73, a life-long resident of the Belleville and Romulus area, died July 5.

Among his survivors are his children, Julie Ann (George) Nixon and Robert E. Dutton, II, all of Florida, Charles "Chuck" (Gena) Dutton, Amy Marie (Larry) Eversole and John W. (Rhonda) Dutton, Sr., all of Belleville; a brother, John William "Jack" Dutton of Detroit; 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dutton served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and was active in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

He retired from the General Motors Hydromatic Plant in Willow Run where he had worked for more than 11 years.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Fred Dunford officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

BROWN, William

William R. "Rusty" Brown, 57, of Romulus, died July 12.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Amy M. Brown and Carrie L. Brown, both of Westland; brothers, Lonnie A. (Billie Sue) Brown and David L. (Linda) Brown, all of Tennessee, and sisters, Nelda R. (Mickey) Clements and Daisy (Robert) Hunter, all of Tennessee and Nettie L. (Calvin) Cart, of Romulus.

Mr. Brown coached both Little League football and baseball and was a member of the Romulus Athletic Club, the Little League Club and the Loyal Order of Moose in Belleville.

A veteran, Mr. Brown served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967-1970.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral home in Romulus with Pastor Robert J. White of the Grace Baptist Church in Belleville officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws" that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday and the day of any regular or special election, receive application for registration from any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the day of the CLOSE of registration for the Primary Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.
AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005
8:00 a.m, to 6:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTER-ING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefore, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registra-tion, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered on the registration list.

Each person registering must possess the following qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be 18 years of age on or before September 13, 2005.
- Must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City of Romulus.

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BIDS REQUESTED

Sealed bids for one (1) aerial platform (100 ft.) vehicle will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Van Buren until 2:00pm (Eastern Daylight Savings Time), Tuesday, August 30, 2005. Bid packets (including specifications) are available at the office of:

Joannie D. Payne, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren
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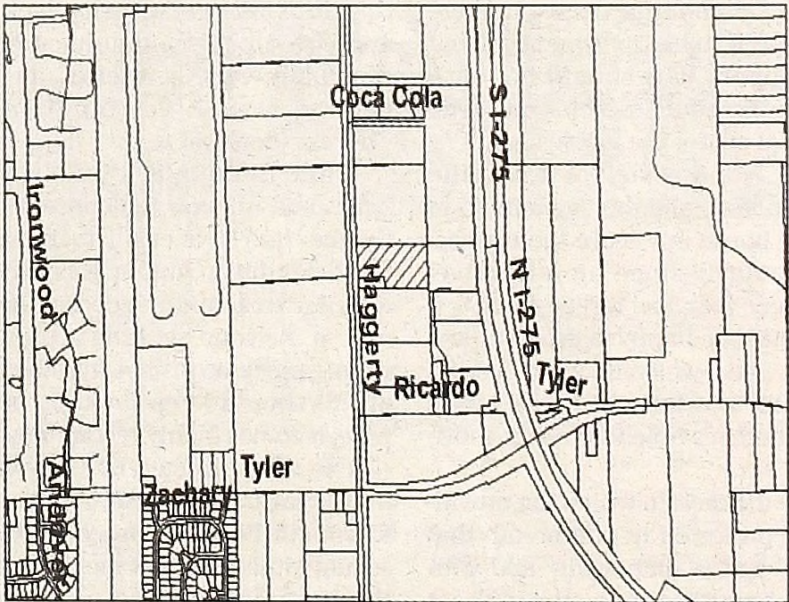
All bids shall be sealed and submitted according to the included instructions. The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to reject any and all bids, is not required to accept the low bid, and may waive any irregularities in same.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday August 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:



Legend
Proposed Insurance Claim Center

Parcel number V125-83-047-99-0001-706 approximately 6.10 acres is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Ecorse Road and Tyler Road.

The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for outdoor storage per Section 15.03 of the Zoning Ordinance the proposed special land use must meet the specific requirements of Section 4.27, and the general requirements of Section 18.08.f. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., August 16, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

New coach hopes to keep old winning ways

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

As much as Candice Finley would like for the Romulus Lady Eagles to defeat every team they face on the hardwood this year, she knows it will be a challenge.

Finley is stepping into some big shoes this season as the team's new head coach. She'll be taking over for Rhonda Henry, who accepted a promotion to assistant principal this spring.

Although Finley assisted under Henry for the past two years, she admits that Henry will be a hard act to follow.

"I'm nervous and excited," she said. "I'm excited because I'm moving up in my career. Any time you do something you want to be able to move up. I'm also nervous because we had such a good season last year and everyone's eyes will be on me to repeat that success or do better."

Not to add any pressure but...Henry led the Eagles to their first district championship in more than 20 years and went on to win the team's first-ever regional match up.

Nerves may be part of the

game, but so is experience – and Finley has plenty of that.

The 26-year-old has been playing ball since she was in the sixth grade and that happened purely by chance.

She actually started as a cheerleader at the young age and went to her school's girls' basketball game with friends. When her school lost she decided to trade in her pompons for a basketball.

"I saw my team get beat and I told my family that I had to play basketball," she said. "I didn't know a thing about the game and never played before but I knew I wanted to."

Then she attended Redford Bishop Borgess High School where she played for the oft-mentioned Dave Mann and was a part of the 1993 & 94 state championship teams.

She earned a four-year scholarship to play basketball at Eastern Kentucky University and played all four years as a center while earning a degree in Apparel Design and Merchandising.

After that, she hopped a plane to Luxemburg to play for the Luxemburg Racing, a Division II

European league.

"It was a good experience for me and if I had to do it over again, I would," she said. "But I had to be a player and a coach, teaching other players, and it became more of a job than it was fun."

After the six-month stint overseas she returned to the states and started substitute teaching in Romulus. She also coached an AAU Nike Travel team, the Michigan Crossovers, last year. Finley just returned from Augusta, GA where the Crossovers competed in the Nike Nationals tournament.

After her first season in the AAU a mutual friend helped her land the assistant job next to Henry.

"Rhonda showed me all of the small things you need to do to run a successful program," she said. "I was lucky the last two years to be able to work with her."

The season will offer another challenge, too. After two stellar seasons, the Lady Eagles' program was moved up from the Mega White division to the Red—the toughest league in the



Candice Finley will take over the Romulus Lady Eagle basketball team this fall.

6 Whaler players taken in 2005 NHL entry draft

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Last weekend was a big day for aspiring hockey players as many took one step closer to accomplishing their dreams of playing in the NHL.

Saturday was the NHL's Entry Draft and many local players, including six Plymouth Whalers—the most since 1995—were selected during the event.

Not all the draftees will hit the big-arena ice right away like the No.1 overall pick, Sydney Crosby, probably will in Pittsburgh. Most of those selected will continue playing in the minor leagues; some will head off to play for college and others on development teams until they earn that elusive, lucrative NHL contract.

Players like James Neal, who racked up 44 points with 18 goals and 26 assists and 32 penalty minutes in 67 games with the Whalers last season, was drafted in the second round (33rd overall) by the Dallas Stars.

He wasn't too surprised when the Dallas Stars' general manager, Doug Armstrong, called him at home in Whitby, Ontario to tell him the good news.

"I've been in touch with Dallas," Neal said in a press release. "They showed a lot of interest. I had a feeling they might take me. It was between a couple of teams that talked to me a lot—Dallas and Florida. Bottom line, I'm thrilled to go to Dallas. They have a couple of slots opening up."

Neal was rated 19th overall among North American skaters in the final Central Scouting Services (CSS) rating and 49th overall among all NHL prospects by the International Scouting Services (ISS).

"Neal's a big, strong kid that goes to the net well," said Dallas scout Jim Johnston. "He's got good hands and is a good two-way guy. He competes hard and gets into the right areas. He handles the puck well for a big guy and he really sees the ice. Possibly the best thing about him is he really competes well down-low and he likes to go to the net."

The Florida Panthers may have missed out on Neal but that didn't stop them from selecting another Whaler star. They chose second-year player Dan Collins in the third round (90th overall).

"It's gratifying to know all the hard work has paid off," Collins said. "I dreamed for this day and now that it's come and gone, it's really exciting."

"A lot of my hard work was done during the off-season, mostly, because I needed to gain weight," he added. "I worked out five days a week for two-and-a-half hours every day and I drove an hour-and-a-half there and an hour-and-a-half back. So I paid the price with a lot of hard work to get to where I am now."

The right winger posted solid numbers last season for Plymouth with 25 goals and 21 assists for 46 points and 60 penalty minutes in 68 games.

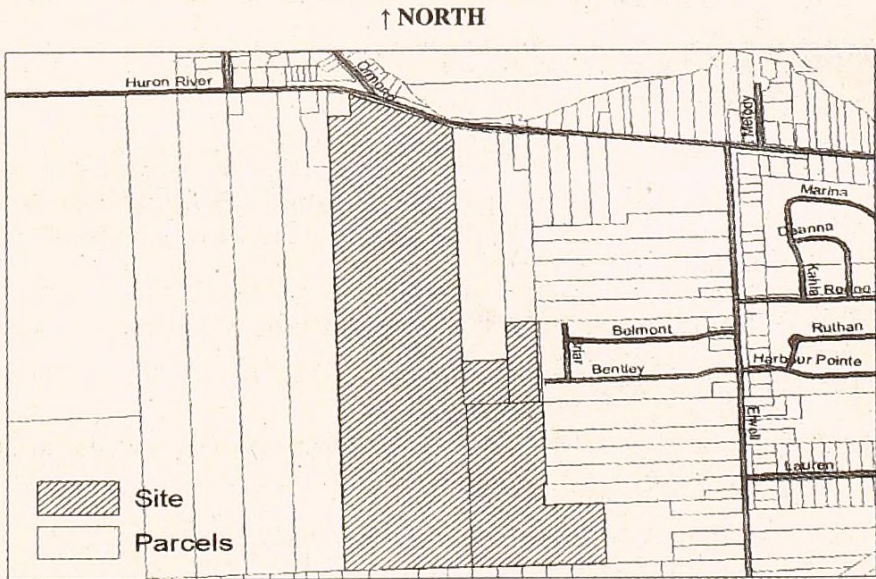
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-113-99-0025-002 and V125-83-116-99-0001-707 approximately 94.58 acres is located on the south side of West Huron River Drive between Elwell Road and Hoeft Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for a Planned Residential Development Section 7.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., August 16, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

Whalers

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Collins was fourth in point with the Plymouth squad and was one of only three players to score more than 20 goals. He was also one of the few that played in every game for the Whalers last season.

Collins was rated 101st on the ISS and 23rd in the CSS for North American skaters.

“Collins is a grinder with a heck of a shot,” said Scott Luce, Florida’s director of scouting.

The Whalers’ newly acquired 19-year-old right wing, Jared Boll, was later drafted in the fourth round (101st overall) by the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Boll was originally drafted by Kingston in the sixth round (101st overall) in the 2002 OHL draft but played the last two seasons with the Lincoln Stars in the United States Hockey League.

There, he scored 23 goals and 24 assists for 47 points and a league-leading 294 penalty minutes in 59 games as a captain of the team last year. He made the all-star team. He scored eight goals with six assists for 14 points and 176 penalty minutes in 57

games the previous season.

The Whalers traded a fifth-round draft pick to the Kingston Frotenacs to sign Boll in early July.

Another new face to the Whalers also ended up in the mix on Saturday.

The Whalers’ first selection (25th overall) of the 2005 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft, 18-year-old Slovakian center Ondrej Otčenáš, was also selected in the fourth round (123rd overall) by the Caroline Hurricanes.

The 6-foot-1, 198-pound skater scored 11 goals with 22 assists for 33 points with a +26 and 66 penalty minutes in 45 games last year with the HK Dukla Trenčín Under-20 team in Slovakia.

He also played for Slovakia in the World Under-18 Championships this spring and scored four goals with an assist in six games.

Carolina also took Whalers newly added defenseman Kyle Lawson with their final pick in the seventh round (198th overall).

Plymouth acquired Lawson from the Saginaw Spirit in exchange for 19-year-old goaltender Ian Keserich.

He played last season with the National Team Developmental

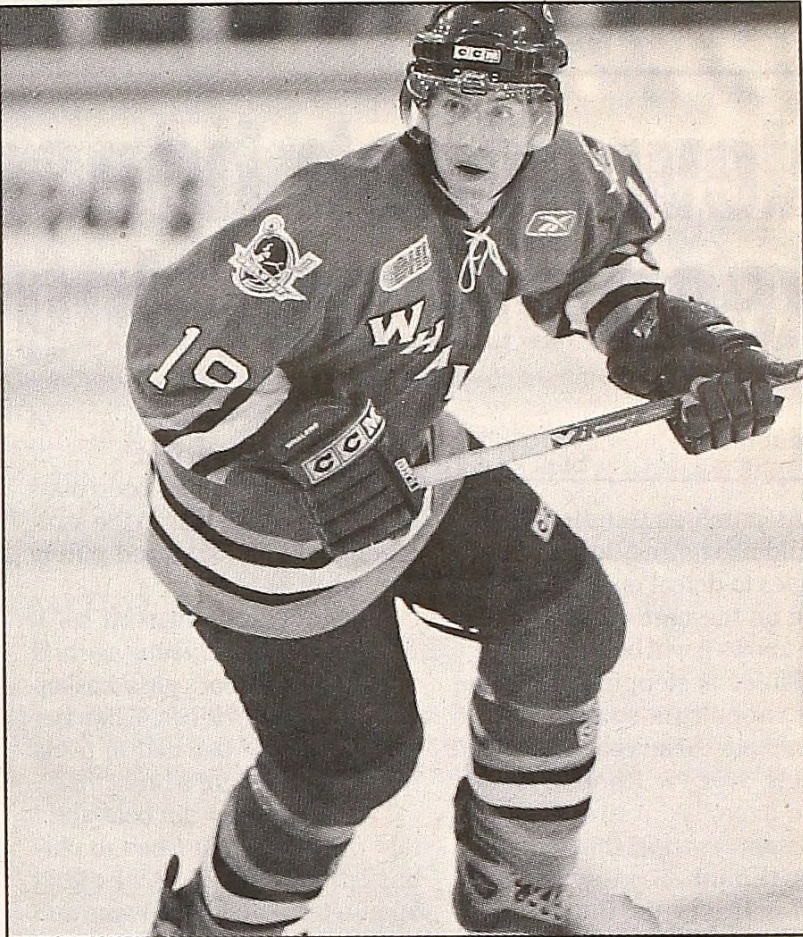
Program (NTDP) in Ann Arbor and scored three goals with 15 assists for 18 points in 31 games for the Under-18 program. He also played for the gold-medal Team USA in the World Under-18 Championships last spring, scoring a goal and an assist in six games.

In the sixth round, the Los Angeles Kings took defenseman Ryan McGinnis with the 184th overall selection. McGinnis earned six assists and 93 penalty minutes in 66 games last year with Plymouth.

Now the Plymouth Whalers have eight players with NHL connections on their roster. The six players drafted this year join their already drafted teammates Vaclav Meidl (3rd round, Nashville in 2004) and Gino Pisellini (5th round, Philadelphia, 2004).

Not since the 1995 have the Whalers had six players taken in a single NHL draft. That year Bryan Berard was chosen No. 1 overall by Ottawa followed by Nic Beaudoin, Bill McCauley, Andrew Taylor, Milan Kostolný and Mike Rucinski.

The franchise record for the most players taken in a single draft was set in 1993 when the team was known as the Detroit Jr.



James Neal went to the Dallas Stars at the top of the second round of the NHL Entry Draft on Saturday. He scored 18 goals with 26 assists for the Whalers last season. Photo by Walt Dmoch courtesy of the Plymouth Whalers.

Red Wings.

That year eight players were picked: Todd Harvey, Jaimee Allison, Kevin Paden, Jeff

Mitchell, McCauley—who was never signed and reentered the draft in 1995, Bob Wren and Jason Saal.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 11, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: LeRoy Burcroff, Charles Miller.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-263

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 5, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Romak.
Motion Carried.

3A. Presentation by Bob Luax - **PILOT** (Property Tax Relief) - No Action.

05-264

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Bernice Davis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

05-265

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Joseph Ponder.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-266

4C. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Tobias Barnes.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-267

4D. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution for Robert Fleming on his 95th birthday, July 11, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. No Report.

05-268

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Advisory Appointment Committee and re-appoint Emery J. Long to the Board of Zoning Appeals three-year alternate position, term expiring June 30, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-269

6FYI. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution in support of amending the International Trade Agreement “to allow each State to refuse garbage or any form of waste from a foreign country”.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-270

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 05-13 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred, Sixty Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$665,434.23).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 11, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 11, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

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1. Obituaries

MILLER, Michael K.
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July 30, 2005
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(Tommy) Strauss, Bob
(Laura) Miller, JoAnn and
Terri Miller. Dear uncle of
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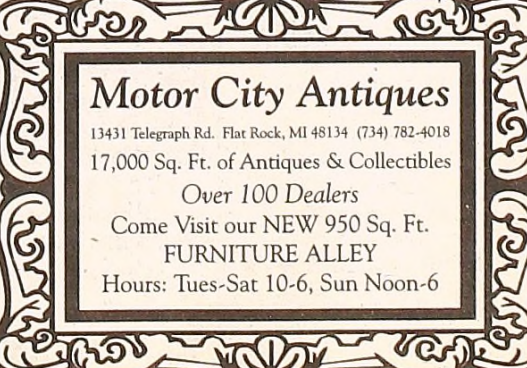
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